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For: PROSTHETIC INTERVERTEBRAL

JOINT FOR THE CERVICAL SPINE (as

amended)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Action dated July 9, 2008, please reconsider this application in light of the following Remarks.

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